

Dayton, Texas
October 12, 1966

Mr. Jake Dowdy;
Congress of the U.S.
House of Representatives
Washington D.C.

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Sincerely

[REDACTED]
Dayton, Texas 77535

[Transcription of "Letter from Dayton with Replies"]

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Sincerely

Mrs. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Dayton, Texas 77535

Social Security Admin. JONES

October 15, 1966

[REDACTED]
Dayton, Texas 77535

Dear [REDACTED]

Please let me acknowledge and thank you for your letter of October 12, concerning an article you read in the Houston Post.

I have today contacted Commissioner Ball of the Social Security Administration, and requested an official reply to your inquiry. As soon as I have received any pertinent information, I will let you know.

I appreciate your giving me the opportunity to be of service, and hope you will not hesitate to let me know whenever I may be of assistance in any way.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

John Dowdy, M. C.

JD/pf

Social Security Admin.

October 15, 1966

Commissioner Robert M. Ball,
Social Security Administration
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Mr. Ball:

Enclosed is a letter I have received from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Dayton, Texas, relative to a recent
article printed in a local paper.

I would appreciate your advice on the enclosure so that I
may answer [REDACTED] letter correctly.

Thanking you, and with kindest regards, I am

Sincerely,

John Dowdy, M. C.

JD/pf

P. S.

Please return the enclosure with your reply.

Social Security Admin.

October 24, 1966

[REDACTED]
Dayton, Texas 77535

Dear Mrs. Jones:

Attached is a copy of an acknowledgment I have just received from the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration, in response to my recent inquiry in your behalf.

As soon as I have an additional reply, I will let you know.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

John Dowdy, M. C.

JD/pf

Enclosure



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21225

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

REFER TO: OI:I

Honorable John J. Dowdy
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 21, 1966

Dear Mr. Dowdy:

This refers to your letter of October 15 on behalf
of [REDACTED] Dayton, Texas.

We are giving your letter attention and will be
in touch with you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Ball
Commissioner of Social Security

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

November 5, 1966

[REDACTED]
Dayton, Texas 77535

Dear [REDACTED]

Attached is a further letter from the Commissioner of Social Security in response to my inquiry concerning the newspaper article you referred to.

Evidently, it was possibility rather than fact. As Commissioner Ball has stated, at the President's request, the entire Social Security program is being studied for liberalization purposes. It is expected that the legislation which is developed will be the first order of business in the next Congress.

I can well understand the need for an increase, and you may be sure that the proposals developed will have my most sympathetic attention when they are presented to the House.

In the meantime, if I can be of assistance in any other way, you have only to call on me.

With warm regards, and all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JOHN DOWDY, M.C.

JD/em
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND WELFARE
SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21235

REFER TO: OI:I

Honorable John J. Dowdy
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

October 31, 1966

Dear Mr. Dowdy:

This is in further reference to your letter of October 15 on behalf of Mrs. A. A. Jones, 307 Cherry Creek, Dayton, Texas.

There is no doubt that many people who have little or no earnings from work face financial problems and that an increase in social security benefits would be helpful. At the President's request, we are studying many parts of the social security program to see what additional improvements can be recommended to the Congress. Mrs. Jones' suggestion will be taken into account in this work, and we appreciate having it.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Ball
Commissioner of Social Security